

CAPTAIN WILLIAM NICHOLS HOUSE  
5 Harris Street  
Newburyport  
Essex County  
Massachusetts

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

FIELD RECORDS

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### CAPTAIN WILLIAM NICHOLS HOUSE

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Location: 5 Harris Street, Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts. The building at this address is part of a National Register for Historic Places District.<sup>1</sup>

Significance: Notes for this building suggest it was constructed in 1805; at the time of the survey questionnaire, George Cashman owned it. Later sources raise the possibility the house was demolished, and some of its paneling used in a period room in the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum in 1948.<sup>2</sup>

Materials: There are field notes for No. 5 Harris Street.

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<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS), Inventory No. NWB.337. This, however, references the (1796) Second Presbyterian Meeting House (now Greek Orthodox Church) at 5-7 Harris Street.

<sup>2</sup> "The Benkard Room," *Metropolitan Museum of Art Bulletin* New Series 6, no. 5 (January 1948): 137.